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Today Ends Memory Filled School Year



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Review of Year Includes Much News Interest

This issue of the Ypsi Sem is going to serve as a final summation and review for the 1949-1950 school year. Your editors only wish they could have recorded all the important events that took place but limitations forced the staff to select only the most outstanding.

The review will begin by going back to last September when the Ypsi Sem Staff was chosen which included Mary Scheffler as Editor-in-chief; Donna Peebles and Fayrene LaFleur, assistant editors; Evelyn Sipe, managing editor; Mrs. Grant, adviser; and many capable assistants. They put out a total of fourteen issues, thoroughly covering all of the school activities.

Next, peering through the time-erasing lorgnette at the month of October, the first big social event was — The Sophomore Reception — which used as its theme the "Hunter's Ball". Later on in October, Mr. Wiltse announced the 1950 Senior Yearbook Staff headed by Peter Fletcher and including Donna Peebles, Nancy Marushak, Bonnie Martin, Evelyn Sipe, and other proficient seniors.

Then on October 28, 1950, Ypsi High had its annual Homecoming, including a big afternoon parade in which the Class of '51' won first in the float competition with second place going to the Class of '53'.

FOOTBALL SCORES 1949

6-B League Champions

Ypsi	Opponent	
39	Hazel Park	0
25	Plymouth	0
41	Belleville	0
22	Trenton	7
21	Redford Union	7
25	Wayne	0
7	Ann Arbor	34
47	Milford	7
7	Milan	7



Colorful floats were displayed in the Homecoming Parade. Among the many clever entries was the float from Homeroom 213 which was a place winner. The parade was led by the R.O.T.C.. First place winner was the float presented by the Junior Class.



Dick Helmer, sophomore president, receives a present from junior president, Bill Lurkins; and senior president, Dale Schaffer.



Braves captain Harley Rutledge and Pioneers captain Stan Burns meet with referees before the kick-off of Ann Arbor vs. Ypsilanti game.



Shakespeare comes to life with the three witches from Macbeth. Betty Dezarn, Faith Cook, and Bonnie Martin include Shakespeare in on their Halloween spree. Later in the year, students witnessed a real performance of "Julius Caesar" and "Taming of the Shrew" given by the Margaret Webster Co.

All-School Play, Parties Thanksgiving; Highlight Fall Season

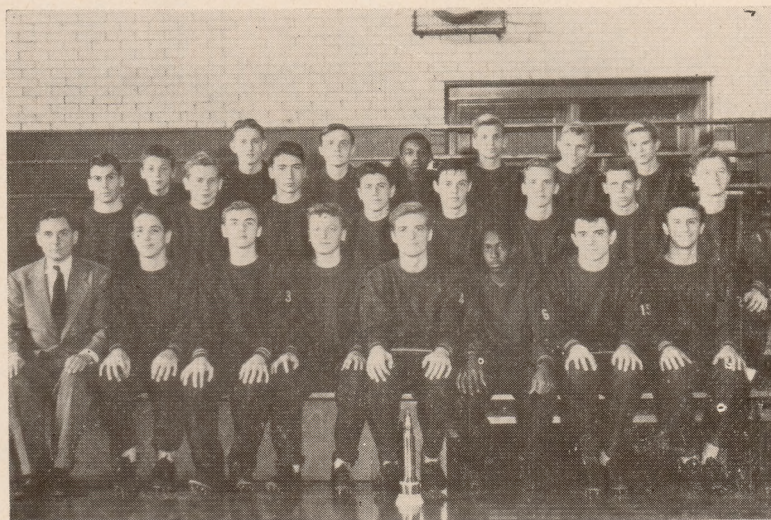
Continuing this reminiscing reveals that November 16, 1949 was the presentation date of the all-school play, "Home Sweet Homicide", directed by Miss Madge Iseminger and staged by Mr. Schimmel. The principals in this long to be remembered comedy mystery thriller were Mary Helen Wildman, Ann Lurkins, Roger Walker, Elizabeth Schellinger, Bill Friend and Peter Fletcher.

Two days later the senior division had its annual Thanksgiving party sponsored by the Student Council. The party-goers enjoyed dancing to the music of Ralph Bench and his orchestra and the refreshments that were served.

Also at this time of the year the Cross Country season came to a close with Ypsi High taking second in the state meet. The Braves Thinclads had won 7 of their dual meets adding to the grand total of 32 consecutive victories. The school has this excellent record thanks to the coaching of Mr. Deetz and the running of Lee Wynn, Pat Whalls, John Baker, Jim Seidl, and Don Hamilton.

It might be noted here that Sergeant Moore and his R.O.T.C. unit deserve recognition for their services to the school during this fall period. These included, among other things, marching in the Homecoming Parade and guarding the Island during home football games.

First row: Coach Ralph Deetz, R. Walker, J. Baker, J. Seidl, captain L. Wynn, D. Hamilton, P. Whalls, P. Stamos. Second row: B. Wallace, R. Rankin, D. Skelt, F. Johnson, D. Smith, J. Holt, C. Oltersdorf, J. Dolph. Third row: J. Seidl, J. Butler, L. Slagenwhite, C. Francios, C. Lawrence, J. Reid, L. Smith. C. Scheffler (absent).



ALL-SCHOOL PLAY CAST

First row: Bob Laing, Mary Jo Riley, Roger Walker, Dean Myers, John Waite, Tom Ehman. Second row: Ann Lurkins, Elizabeth Schellinger, Mary Helen Wildman, Marion Green. Third row: Phyllis Kelly, Lee Wynn, Donna Peebles, John Bruce, Nancy Hawes, Jim McGinn, Ronald Adams. Fourth row: Miss Madge Iseminger, Bill Friend, Lary Batterson, Peter Fletcher.



CROSS COUNTRY

Opponent	
Plymouth	Won
Belleville	Won
Trenton	Won
Redford Union	Won
Wayne	Won
Ann Arbor	Won
League Meet	First
State Meet	Second

GIRLS' DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Along with the Marching Band, the Ypsi Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps was an additional attraction at the football games and various other activities throughout the school year. The girls dressed in their pert scotch designed uniforms were a colorful sight in any parade. Precision was their keynote and the girls could be seen practicing outside school for many hours to attain that precision. Solicitations were taken and the corps expects to be wearing new uniforms next year. Among their many activities, the girls traveled to Holland for the tulip festival and will appear in Chicago this summer. The corps is under the competent direction of Mr. George Cavender.

Parabara Best, Gerrine Billitier, Jean Brown, Lois Brown, Carol Burney, Margaret Dixon, Mavis Ehman, Viola Evanoff, Shirley Fettes, Donna Fitzgerald, Marilyn Furtney, Marion Green, Mary Haas, Joyce Harvey, Nancy Hawes, Joyce Hawks, Dolores Kalusha, Phyllis Kelly, Ann Lurkins, Barbara Magee, Bonnie Martin, Nancy Marushak, Cora McDonald, Betty McKinstry, Donna Mead, Patricia Neely, Charlene Niles, Donna Peebles, Phyllis Schaab, Mary Scheffler, Mary Jo Scrivens, Bonnie Schoolmaster, Janet Sinden, Evelyn Sipe, Elda Utley, Betty Watling, Nancy Weinmann.





Ernest H. Chapelle



Norris G. Wiltse



Miss Lister



Miss Inwood



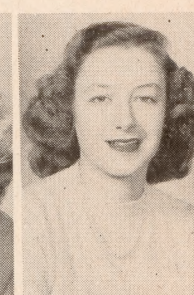
Dale Schaffer



Viola Evanoff

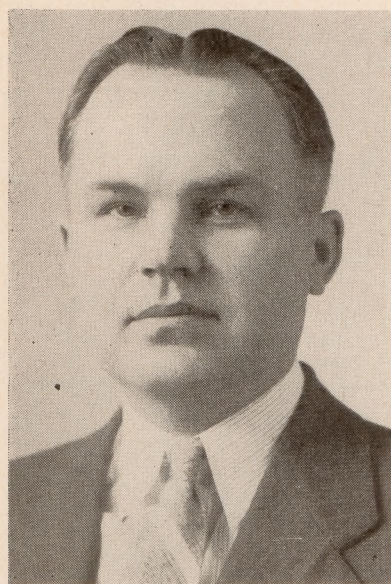


Bonnie Martin



Mary Scheffler

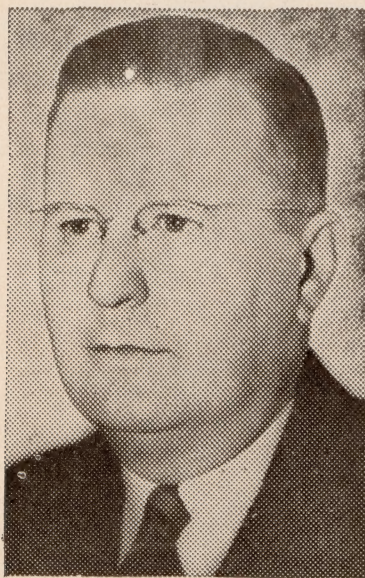
SENIORS TO GRADUATE TONIGHT



Reverend Harley Sipe

The Baccalaureate services for the class of 1950 were held Sunday evening, June 11, in the Methodist Church.

The sermon was delivered by Reverend Harley C. Sipe who used as his topic "Not By Bread Alone". The service was concluded by the benediction with a choral response.



DR. CHARLES ANSPACH

This evening the commencement exercises for the class of 1950 will be held in the high school auditorium. Dr. Charles L. Anspach, president of the Central College of Education, will deliver the commencement address. Principal Norris G. Wiltse will announce the honor students and present the class of 1950 after which Frederick J. Peters, president of the Board of Education will present the diplomas. This act will culminate twelve years of education for 138 seniors.

The students of Ypsilanti High School have completed another highly successful school year. The senior class is on the threshold of graduation, and, afterwards, the problems of adapting themselves to a new life. It will be hard, of course, to leave the life of classes, studies, school parties, and activities and move on into fields of endeavor.

Ypsilanti High School is proud of its seniors, and it is confident that they will excel just as much in society as each of them did here in school. The seniors leave with the knowledge that they are well trained and that they have the best wishes of everyone in the faculty, administration and student body that they leave behind.



Back row: Left to right; N. Weinmann, P. Kelly, F. Warmington, F. Kessler, R. Oltmanns, M. Wildman, J. Stoltz, D. Olsen, F. LaFleur. Middle Row: A. Lurkins, E. Biggs, M. Green, M. Scheffler, B. McKinstry, B. Watling, N. Marushak, E. Utley. Front Row: E. Sipe, F. Cook, N. Judson, P. Fletcher, B. Martin, D. Peebles.



Floyd Warmington, Ed Ellis, Bob Fortney, Lary Batterson, Harley Rutledge, John Baker. Second row: Faith Cook, Bob Laing, Viola Evanoff. Front row: Peter Fletcher, Evelyn Sipe, Donna Peebles, Bonnie Martin, and Nathan Judson.

Wednesday evening, June 14 at eight o'clock p.m., Class Night exercises were held for the seniors of 1950. The class president, Dale Schaffer, was the master of ceremonies. He introduced the salutatorian, Elda Utley; class historian, Robert Laing; class prophet, Edwin Ellis; class orator, Viola Evanoff; gift-givers, Larry Batterson and Floyd Warmington; class poet, Robert Fortney; Harley Rutledge, who prepared the class will; and the five valedictorians, Donna Peebles, Bonnie Martin, Evelyn Sipe, Nathan Judson, and Peter Fletcher. The class, under the direction of Faith Cook and John Baker, closed the program by singing the class song that Faith and John had composed and written.

Following the program, the 1950 senior Yearbook was given out to the seniors. All agreed

that it was a book the class could be proud of with its blue and silver cover and seventy-six pages of pictures and information.

The annual Senior Honors Assembly was held last Tuesday at one p.m. The student body rose and stood as the seniors filed slowly in to their front seats for the last time in a school assembly.

During the assembly, many seniors received honors for scholarship, citizenship, and service to the school and community in the form of medals, citations, scholarships, and special awards.

Editor's Note

The material for this issue was written, edited and compiled by Peter Fletcher.

On May 25, 1950, twenty-one new members of the Ypsilanti Chapter of the National Honor Society were initiated in the beautiful flower decked Formal Lounge of Charles McKenny Hall.

Peter Fletcher, president of the local chapter, conducted the program with the assistance of the other five old members which included Faith Cook, Nathan Judson, Bonnie Martin, Donna Peebles, and Evelyn Sipe.

The new seniors members include Carol Barney, Evelyn Biggs, Marian Green, Nancy Marushak, Betty McKinstry, Dorothy Olsen, Richard Oltmanns, Mary Scheffler, Elda Utley, Floyd Warmington, Betty Watling, and Anne Westcott.

New junior members are Janet Bastian, Joyce Harvey, Phyllis Kelly, Fred Kessler, Fayrene LaFleur, Ann Lurkins, Jane Stoltz, Nancy Weinmann, and Mary Helen Wildman.

ALUMNI PROGRAM GIVEN

The next evening, June 15, the Alumni Association of Ypsi High with Robert Bisbee as president, welcomed the class of 1950 into its ranks.

The evening began with an informal reception in the school corridor. A program and business meeting was then held in the auditorium. This included the reception of the new members reading of correspondence, reports, and election of officers of the Association for the coming year.

After this the guests enjoyed a social hour of dancing.

SPRING USHERS IN OTHER MEMORABLE ACTIVITIES



WANTED!

DEAD OR ALIVE

\$10,000 — REWARD

FOR

ED "SMILEY" ELLIS — "BOSTON BENNY" RUTLEDGE

SMILEY — In connection with \$100,000 robbery of the National Bank of Boston.

BOSTON BENNY — In connection with \$100,000 robbery of the National Bank of Boston.

Seniors Chase After Two Notorious Criminals In "Strange Boarders"

After a great deal of planning and hard work the senior play was presented Thursday evening, March 30, 1950, before a large audience in the high school auditorium. "Cordelia," the "Captain", and the "professor", played by Nathan Judson, were able to capture their bank robbing boarders who were none other than the notorious "Boston Benny", played by Harley Rutledge, "Smiley", played by Edwin Ellis, and Floyd Warmington as the "Deacon". All who saw the senior play of 1950 said it was one of the finest play productions in Ypsilanti High School in recent years.

At this point a summation of the spring speech activities is necessary. On March 9, Ronald Adams and John Bruce took first and second respectively in the

oration contest. March 23, was the date for the declamation contest in which Bonnie White took first and Nancy Hawes, second. The extempore speaking contest was held April 6 with John Lloyd taking first and Nick Natelli, second. The same day Faith Cook placed first in the dramatic declamations with Mary Kerr, second. Speech students were coached under the able direction of Mrs. Jack Lockwood.

TRACK

Opponents

Belleville	Won
Plymouth	Lost
Albion Relays	14 pts.
League Meet	Second
Howell	Won
Regionals	Second
State	Seventh

BASEBALL TEAM



Back Row: J. Brown, Bill Jones, Elmer Lincoln, Jerry McCowan, Gary Prater, Tom Harvey, Vic Bennett, Jim Derryberry, Tom Bates, Fritz Kessler, Dan O'Hara, Carl Schleffler. Front Row: Pete O'Neil, Joe Kersey, John L. Williams, Ed Becker, Charles Bates, Dale Schaffer, Joe Webb, John M. Williams, Dave Ingram, Dave Darby, Ted Fasing, Jim Shedd, Coach Batterson.

HILLSDALE PARTICIPANTS



Chosen to participate in the Hillsdale United Nations Meeting were Richard Oltmanns, Peter Fletcher, and Joyce Harvey. The Hillsdale Meeting was a student affair composed of high school students from many schools.

TRACK TEAM



Back Row: Fuller, Hawks, Dennis, Allen, O'Neil, Sutton, Hall, Howard, King, Fuqua, Parker, Campbell, Stark. Second Row: Grams, Smith, Hollifield, Francis, Olteisdorf, Green, Reed, Walker, Seidl, Foley, Marshall, Osusi, Eddy, Fogg, Hamilton, Deetz. First Row: Hammon, Laing, Mida, Blattenberger, Duede, Wynn, Merfee, Hill, Ellis, Clenions, Mayhawk, Bake, Friend.

SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS



Back Row (left to right): John Bruce, John Lloyd, Nick Natelli, Janet Bastian, Ronald Adams, Faith Cook. Front Row: Mary Helen Wildman, Mary Kerr, Bonnie Martin, Patty Neely, Nancy Hawes, Fayrene La Fleur.

Christmas Season Festivities Held



Dancing and games were enjoyed by the Junior Division students at a fall party given in the gym.

The next backward glance shows the month of December and in particular, the 10th for it was then that the senior class sponsored the annual senior division Christmas Party. The beautiful decorations, music, refreshments, and "Santa's" visit made the event an outstanding success.

The following day, Sunday, December 11, 1949, the Ypsilanti High School music department presented the annual Christmas Vespers in the high school auditorium which included the singing of the Cantata "The Holy Birth" by Haydn Morgan of the Michigan State Normal College, by the a capella choir.

After returning from Christmas vacation on January 3, 1950, the junior division had its first party of the new year in the form of a class dues Fun-Night party on January 6. Students furnished their own records for music, and dancing and games were enjoyed by all, after which refreshments were served.



Santa surprised the crowd at the Christmas Party.

SWIMMING

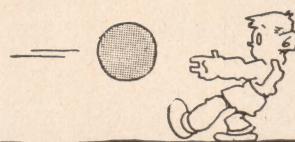
Opponent

Ann Arbor	Won 45-39
Adrian	Won 55-25
Trenton	Won 58-26
U-High	Won 45-35
Pontiac	Won 50-34
River Rouge	Won 49-35
Birmingham	Won 47-37
Monroe	Lost 38-46
Adrian	Won 52-32
Pontiac	Won 47-37
Trenton	Won 56-28
Birmingham	Won 54-30
U-High	Won 54-30
Jackson	Tie 42-42
River Rouge	Won 50-34
Ann Arbor	Won 55-28
Jackson	Won 45-39
State Meet	Second

BASKETBALL

Opponent

Plymouth	Won
Belleville	Won
Monroe	Lost
Trenton	Lost
Redford Union	Lost
Wayne	Lost
Plymouth	Lost
Belleville	Won
Lancaster	Lost
Trenton	Won
Walled Lake	Lost
Redford Union	Lost
M'lan	Won
Wayne	Won



Donna Peebles D.A.R.'s Choice

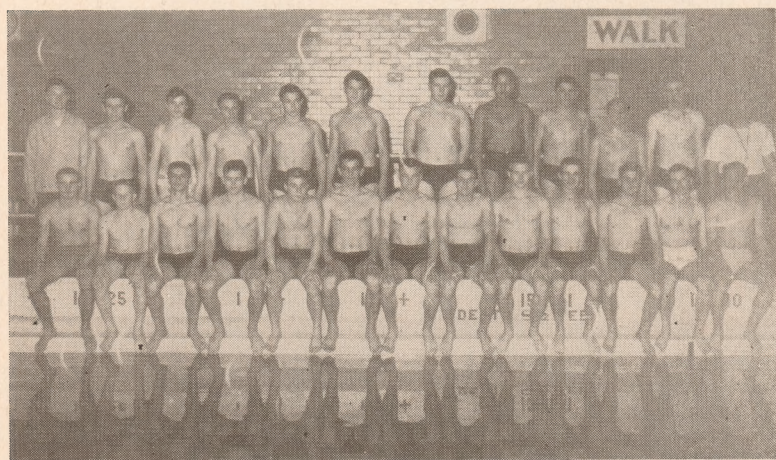


Donna Peebles was the choice for the D.A.R. award.

The next week, on January 12, Ypsilanti High School had its annual winter open house at which time the parents had a chance to visit school in the evening and talk with the teachers. After the consultation period the parents and teachers met in the auditorium for a program of entertainment and general information.

The first semester closed January 25, after students had completed the examination ordeal. Therefore, that evening the Student Council held its annual Hard-Times Winter Party. The dress was jeans and plaid shirts and to preserve this rather primitive atmosphere, hot dogs and "pop" were the refreshments.

In the January 30 issue of the Ypsi Sem the school officials had the pleasure of announcing Donna Peebles as this year's recipient of the D.A.R. award to the most outstanding senior girl. Her straight "A" average and many services to the school were ample proof that she was, indeed, very deserving of this honor.



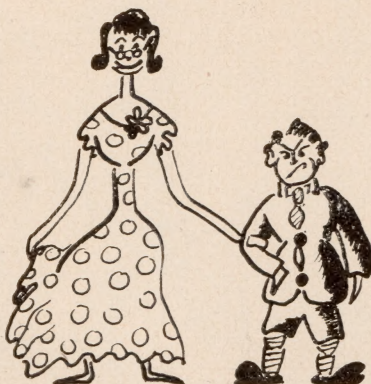
Swimming Team

Back Row: Jere Dolph, Richard Rankin, John Brown, Charles Eddy, David Blattenberger, Loren Newhouse, Bob White, Jerome Dennis, Ray Steele, James Russell, Jim Malcolm, Coach Deetz. Front Row: Wendell Green, Charles Bates, Pete Stamos, Wilfred Sinden, Ronald Krull, William Friend, Harold Duede (capt.), Floyd Warmington (capt.), Pete Dyer, Dave Steimle, Robert Laing, Clarence Chambers, Larry Gray.



Basketball Team

Ist row, left to right: Dave Ingram, James Hall, Dale Schaffer, Larry Batterson, Frederick Kessler, Ted Fasing. 2nd row: Coach Isbell, Roger Walker, Joe Sutton, Jerry McCowan, Fred Johnson, Larry Slagenwhite, Coach Batterson. Back row: Manager Eddie Simpson.



Annual J-Hop Huge Success

Looking back into the month of February recalls one of the social highlights of the year, the annual J-Hop, sponsored by the class of 1951 and held on February 11, 1950. St. Valentine's Day was the central theme amidst which the guests danced to the music of Jim Servis and his orchestra.

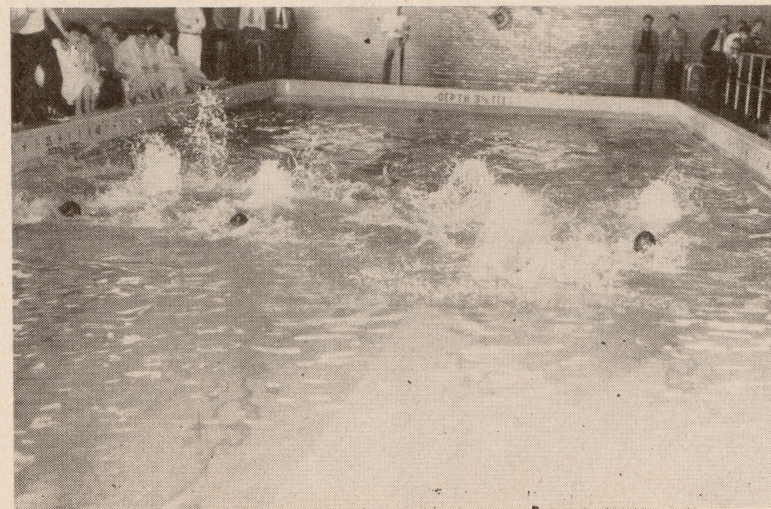
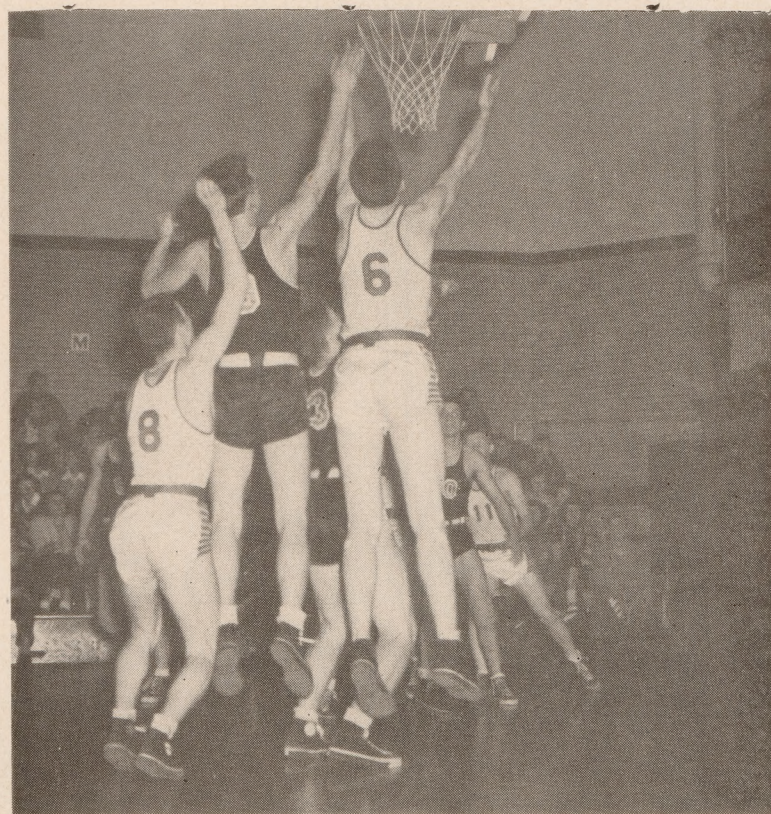
It was also at this time that the Ypsilanti Public Schools started work on the new \$500,000 addition to the high school building. This addition, when completed in September of 1950, will house new shops, offices, music rooms and class rooms.

On February 18, 1950, many Ypsilanti High School students participated in the Southeastern Michigan Solo and Ensemble Festival at the Michigan State Normal College. Fayrene LaFleur and Jane Stoltz received ratings of one in the solo division. In the ensemble division Anne Westcott, and Jane Stoltz received a one rating. The remaining participants also did well and added to the many musical honors of the high school.

It was also at this time that the Ypsi "Braves" wound up two winter sports — basketball and swimming. The basketball team finished with a record of 6 wins and 9 losses while the swimming team chalked up a very successful season by winning 14 meets as against 1 set back and 1 tie. The swimming team also went on to take second in the state meet. Charles Bates took the state class B diving championship for the second straight year while Floyd Warmington set a new state record in the 100 yard breast stroke.

GOLF

Wayne	Won
Ann Arbor	Lost
U-High	Won
Plymouth	Lost
Ann Arbor	Lost
Redford Union	Won
U-High	Won
Wayne	Won
Plymouth	Lost
Regional	Third
Redford Union	Won
State	Third



Magazine Sale Tops Set Goal

The month of March descended upon the students as a reminder that school would be out in a not-to-unbearably long time. During the period of March 2 through 13, the Student Council sponsored the annual Magazine Sale. Many valuable prizes were offered plus membership in the "Gimme Club" for sales of \$10 or more. The quota of \$4,000 for this year was topped by \$760. High salesmen were Art Disbrow with \$110.10 and Maxe Obermeyer with \$72.55. Miss Davis' homeroom won the luncheon at Castle Inn after which they were joined at the movie by Mrs. Bountell's homeroom which was runner up.

BASEBALL

Monroe	Won
Ann Arbor	Lost
Belleville	Won
Trenton	Lost
Plymouth	Won
Wayne	Won
Redford Union	Won
Belleville	Lost
Trenton	Lost
Plymouth	Lost
Wayne	Lost

Senior Play Chosen

The class of 1950 chose as its senior play the comedy mystery farce "Strange Boarders" by George Batson and Jack Kirkland and directed by Miss Madge Iseminger and four student directors — Jim McGinn, Faith Cook, Mary Scheffler, and Dale Schaffer.

The cast included Viola Evanoff as "Cordelia Tuttle," Peter Fletcher as "Captain Winkle," Nancy Marushak as "Candy Fenway," Doris Reddaway as "Glory Fenway," Lary Batterson as "Lon Daggett", Charline Niles as "Amity Haines", Marian Green as "Priscilla Haines", and other talented seniors.

Top: This drawing illustrates the wrong way to achieve a successful evening at the Junior Prom. Below, students enjoy themselves dancing at the J-Hop.

Middle: Players jump for basket at the Ypsi-Belleville game. Ypsi won 49-33.

Bottom: Swimmers hurry through the last lap of swimming meet with Jackson High.